

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1101

By Buck

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Obie Lee Apple of Gordonsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Obie Lee Apple; and

WHEREAS, Obie Apple was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Apple served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Dana Corporation for twenty-four years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a man possessed with a tremendous work ethic, Obie Apple also managed a farming business and was an accomplished operator of construction, excavation, and farm equipment; and

WHEREAS, a native of Smith County, Mr. Apple loved his beautiful farm on the banks of the Caney Fork River where he spent many happy days; and

WHEREAS, he was especially proud of the prize Charlois cow and calf he gave to his grandchildren, Mary Hannah Evans Jones and Hallie Claire Hawkins, at their birth; and

WHEREAS, he delighted in driving the John Deere Gator around his farm, carrying Mary Hannah and Hallie Claire as passengers; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed raising his children with the values he held dear, to help your neighbors, be loyal and trustworthy, and work hard; and

WHEREAS, Obie Apple was an active and devout member of Macedonia The Baptist Church at Clubb Springs for over forty-nine years, having been ordained as a deacon in 1979; he also taught Sunday School and served as a church clerk/treasurer for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Apple was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family and values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie M. and Velma Evans Apple, his brothers Frank and Charles Apple, his sister Barbara Apple Holland, and his father-in-law Albert C. Armistead; and

WHEREAS, Obie Apple is survived by his beloved wife of forty-four years, Peggy Armistead Apple, and his two devoted daughters and their spouses, Leigh Ann Apple and Guy Randall Jones and Jana Apple Hawkins and Jonathon Hawkins, and his two treasured grandchildren, Mary Hannah Evans Jones and Hallie Claire Hawkins; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned, but fondly remembered by his sister and her husband, Mabel and Kenneth Harris, his brother Dan Apple, his brother and wife, Garland and Robbie Apple, his sister-in-law and her husband, Alberta and John Winkler, and his mother-in-law Ogeal Armistead, along with a host of additional family members and dear friends, and;

WHEREAS, Obie Lee Apple leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Obie Lee Apple, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Obie Lee Apple.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.